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Subject:

Re: Conversation w/ WUD member

This email summarizes a recent telephone conversation I had (11/1/04) with Mr. Dino Giacomazzi of Giacomazzi Dairy in Kings County. Mr. Giacomazzi is a graduate of the Western United's California Dairy Leaders Program and is involved in a Western United environmental issues committee headed by Paul Martin. Mr. Giacomazzi raised several questions about the permit that he said reflect the general concerns of many, if not most, dairymen he has encountered. I have listed his questions below (at least the ones I can recall), many of which were raised during our recent presentations.

- 1. Are dairymen responsible for any groundwater impacts caused by surrounding sources of pollution that migrate beneath their operation?
- 2. How would we segregate the contribution of off-site impacts from groundwater monitoring results obtained beneath a dairy operation?
- 3. Do registered professionals have to collect samples or can dairy personnel collect samples including groundwater samples?
- 4. Do we think the average dairymen is going to have the time or ability to accomplish all the tasks required in the permit?
- 5. Isn't the permit a little too much, too soon given that most dairymen have never been under a formal permit from our office and are not accustomed to all the documentation, monitoring, and reporting the permit requires?
- 6. The general feeling among dairymen is that our approach considers them guilty of degradation, pollution, etc. and they have to prove their innocence.